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H*3438 (Rat #0039, Act #0026 of 2019) General Bill, By Pitts, McCravy, B. Cox, Huggins, Cobb-Hunter, Hixon, W. Cox, Taylor, Davis, Caskey and Mace Similar (S 0454)

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-130 SO AS TO ENUMERATE THE ASSETS, RIGHTS, AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE FORMER DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS: TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 25, RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REDESIGNATE THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS AS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS; TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT: TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS. WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AND TO ENUMERATE THE SECRETARY'S POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS; TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "VETERAN" FOR PURPOSES OF APPOINTING COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICER IS AN AT-WILL EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT WHO MAY BE REMOVED FOR CAUSE AT ANY TIME BY THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, A MAJORITY OF THE SENATORS REPRESENTING THE COUNTY, AND A MAJORITY OF THE HOUSE MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNTY; TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE CHAPTER; TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TASK FORCE'S COMPOSITION, POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; AND TO PROVIDE COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE REDESIGNATION OF THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS AS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS. - ratified title

12/18/18	House	Prefiled			
12/18/18	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary			
01/08/19	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 239)			
01/08/19	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 239)			
01/16/19	House	Recalled from Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 48)			
01/16/19	House	e Committed to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page			
		48)			
02/07/19	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cobb-Hunter			
02/20/19	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon			
02/21/19	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: W.Cox, Taylor, Davis			
02/21/19	House	e Committee report: Favorable with amendment Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs			
		(House Journal-page 117)			
02/26/19	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Caskey			
02/27/19	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Mace			
02/27/19	House	Amended (House Journal-page 14)			
02/27/19	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 14)			
02/27/19	House	Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 18)			
02/28/19	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 12)			
02/28/19		Scrivener's error corrected			
02/28/19	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 9)			
02/28/19	Senate	Referred to Committee on Family and Veterans' Services (Senate Journal-page 9)			
03/13/19	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Family and Veterans' Services (Senate			
		Journal-page 11)			
03/14/19		Scrivener's error corrected			
03/20/19	Senate	Committee Amendment Amended and Adopted (Senate Journal-page 32)			
03/20/19	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 32)			
03/20/19	Senate	Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 32)			
03/21/19	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 26)			
03/21/19		Scrivener's error corrected			
04/03/19	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 57)			

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04/03/19	House	Roll call Yeas-81	Nays-29 (House Jou	rnal-page 58)

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